

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please DELETE on page 1, line 1, reading "Description".

Please insert the following section headings on page 1, after the title and at line 6:

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1) Field of the Invention --

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, beginning at line 7, with the following replacement paragraph:

-- The invention relates to a direct synthesis process for etherified melamine resin condensates ~~according to the precharacterizing clause of Claim 1~~, to a use of the melamine resin condensates ~~according to Claim 23~~ and to melamine resin condensates ~~according to Claim 24~~. --

Please insert the following section heading on page 1, at line 12:

-- 2) Description of Related Art --

Please insert the following section heading at page 1, at line 31:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Please insert the following section heading on page 2, before line 1:

-- DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--